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VETERINARY SERVICES NOTICE NO. 06-05

SUBJECT: Clarification of Federal Tuberculosis Requirements for the Interstate and Interzone Movement of Cattle and Bison from a Modified Accredited Advanced State or Zone

TO: VS Management Team
Directors, VS

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this notice is to update the testing and identification requirements for the interstate and interzone movements of cattle and bison from modified accredited advanced (MAA) States or zones. The Deputy Administrator has granted exceptions to Title 9, *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR), Section 77.10. These are listed in D(1) – (5) below; these changes will be addressed in new proposed regulations that are being drafted by Veterinary Services (VS).

II. REQUIREMENTS

Cattle or bison that originate in a MAA State or zone, and that are not known to be infected with or exposed to tuberculosis, may be moved interstate or interzone only under one of the following conditions:

- A. Cattle and bison under 6 months of age*: No official identification or testing is required.
- B. Intact heifers 6 months of age or older either moving directly to a feed lot or in feeder channels: No official identification or testing is required.
- C. Spayed heifers and steers moving to any destination: No official identification or testing is required.
- D. Breeding animals (intact cattle over 6 months of age): Each animal must be officially identified and accompanied by a certificate stating that it tested negative to an official tuberculin test conducted within 60 days prior to the date of interstate movement, except as listed below:

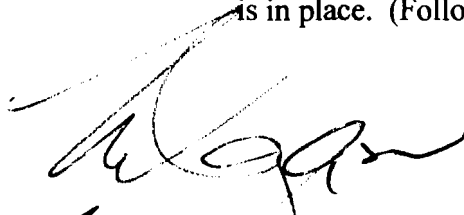
*The age limit of under 6 months for exemption of testing is not in the current CFR. Proposed future regulations will set the minimum test age requirement at 6 months of age or greater.



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1. Cattle or bison from an accredited herd: Each animal must be accompanied by a certificate stating that accredited status testing has been completed with negative results within 1 year prior to the movement date. No additional test is required.
2. Cattle moving directly from an approved market (in a MAA State) to a VS/Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) approved slaughter establishment: Each animal must be identified back to the herd of origin in the MAA State. No test is required.
3. Cattle moving from one approved market (in a MAA State) to any premises other than a VS/FSIS approved slaughter establishment: Each animal must be identified back to the herd of origin in the MAA State and tested negative to an official tuberculin test within 60 days prior to moving to the market.
4. Cull cattle moving through one approved local market (in another State but considered within the normal commerce area by the State Veterinarian and/or Area Veterinarian in Charge) to a VS/FSIS approved slaughter establishment: Each animal must be identified back to the herd of origin in the MAA State. No test is required.
5. Commuter herds: No test is required, provided a commuter herd agreement is in place. (Follow VS Memorandum 552.39 for agreement criteria.)



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